

# Commander's Call Topics



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*"We will continue to deliver nothing less than world-class care to military members and their families, wherever they serve around the globe."* – Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles B. Green, the Air Force surgeon general, in [testimony](#) before the House Armed Services Committee's subcommittee on military personnel

## **FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS**

### **[Air Force officials focus on sexual assault prevention](#)**

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley directed a comprehensive review of the service's [Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program](#) as a result of information provided by a survey of active-duty members. This survey was designed to establish baseline data for addressing this serious issue and to help develop more effective programs aimed at preventing sexual assaults altogether, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz.

### **[General Schwartz: Taking care of families critical to mission](#)**

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz spoke to attendees at the Exceptional Family Member Program and School Liaison Officer training course. General Schwartz noted that of the approximately 175,000 school-age Air Force children, many of them will move an average of six times, bringing about unique challenges.

### **[Chief Roy: Global strike is a mission we can't forget](#)**

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy visited Barksdale AFB, La., for an orientation with Air Force Global Strike Command, 8th Air Force and 2nd Bomb Wing Airmen. *"I was here at the beginning of Global Strike Command and to see where it is today, to be as far as the command is in such a short time, is outstanding."*

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

### **[DOS officials authorize voluntary departure of dependents from Japan](#)**

Department of State officials authorized the voluntary departure, including relocation to safe areas within Japan, for family members and dependents of U.S. government officials who wish to leave Northeast Japan. Eligible DOD dependents will be given travel instructions by their local commands.

### **[Yokota, Misawa commanders stop incoming PCS moves](#)**

Permanent-change-of-station moves to Yokota and Misawa air bases are currently delayed in the aftermath of an earthquake and tsunami that caused catastrophic damage to locations throughout the country. Airmen with orders who have not processed out from their current duty stations must not out-process. Those who have out-processed but have not yet departed have options that must be discussed with their servicing personnel sections.

## **PERSONNEL ISSUES**

### **[Air Force Marathon officials seek volunteer coordinators](#)**

Volunteer coordinators do not need to have base access; however, previous marathon or volunteer management experience is desirable. To take part in the action and to fill out a volunteer coordinator application, visit [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).

## **CIVILIAN**

### **[Jobs website continues to ease application process for employees](#)**

The Air Force-wide online job board [www.NAFjobs.org](http://www.NAFjobs.org) makes it easier for job seekers to find and apply for nonappropriated fund, or NAF, federal job vacancies at Air Force clubs, golf courses, child development centers, youth centers, bowling centers, outdoor recreation centers and many other activities.

### **Web-based tool improves civilian career development planning**

Civilian employees will now be able to use the updated version of the Airmen Development Plan to create career development plans. ADP is accessible through the Air Force Portal under the "Quick Links" section. There is also a comprehensive AFPC tutorial website available. Select the "help" button in ADP to access it. For more information about civilian employee developmental opportunities and other civilian personnel programs, visit the [AFPC personnel services](#) website

### **Deadline near for public administration award**

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 7th Annual Department of Defense David O. Cooke Excellence in Public Administration Award to the Air Force Personnel Center is May 1. This award recognizes non-managerial career civilian employees who demonstrate great leadership potential as future federal executives.

## **FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **VA launches new PSA on suicide prevention for veterans**

Department of Veterans Affairs officials are reaching out to veterans in crisis and their families in a new public service announcement to raise awareness about suicide prevention resources, such as the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). View the PSA at [www.youtube.com/user/VeteransHealthAdmin#p/u/1/PPL7CAHixQE](http://www.youtube.com/user/VeteransHealthAdmin#p/u/1/PPL7CAHixQE).

## **RESOURCES**

### ***AF.mil***

<http://www.af.mil>

### ***Airman magazine***

<http://www.airmanonline.af.mil/>

### ***Air Force Community***

<http://www.afcommunity.af.mil/>

### ***Air Force Outreach***

<http://www.afoutreach.af.mil/>

### ***Military OneSource***

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/>

### ***Military HOMEFRONT***

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

### ***Air Force Personnel Center***

<https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/home>

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

### ***Air Reserve Personnel Center***

<http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/>

### ***Department of Defense***

<http://www.defense.gov>

### ***Department of Defense News***

<http://www.defenselink.mil>

### ***TRICARE***

<http://www.tricare.mil>

### ***U.S. Government Web site***

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

### **Employment Opportunities**

[www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com)

[www.nafjobs.org](http://www.nafjobs.org)

## **AIR FORCE HERITAGE TO HORIZONS**

### **This Week in Air Force History**

**March 18, 1971** – Capt. Marcelite C. Jordon became the first woman aircraft maintenance officer after completing the Aircraft Maintenance Officer School.

**March 19, 1910** – Orville Wright opened the first Wright Flying School at Montgomery, Ala. This site became Maxwell AFB, Ala.

**March 21, 1962** – A black bear became the first living creature ejected from a supersonic aircraft when the U.S. Air Force tested the B-58's escape capsule. Ejecting at 35,000 feet and flying 870 mph, the bear landed unharmed 7 minutes and 49 seconds later.

**March 23, 1978** – Capt. Sandra M. Scott, a KC-135 Stratotanker pilot, became the first woman tanker commander to perform alert duty for Strategic Air Command.

**March 24, 1992** – The last U.S. Air Force fighter aircraft to be stationed in Spain departed, ending a 26-year span of service in that country.

For more information on Air Force heritage, visit <http://www.airforcehistory.af.mil>.

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